## **Meeting Summary**

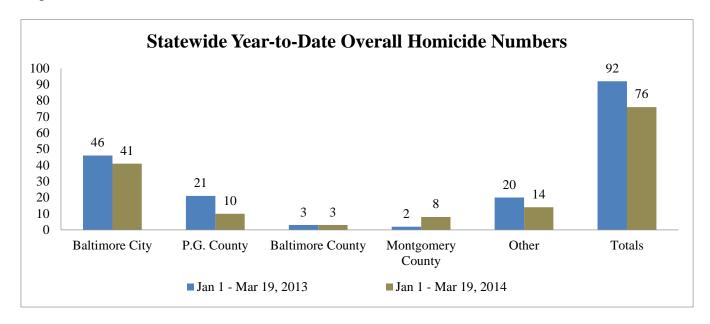
Following is a summary of the issues discussed at the Maryland State Police (MSP) Stat meeting on March 25, 2014. Analysis provided by StateStat.

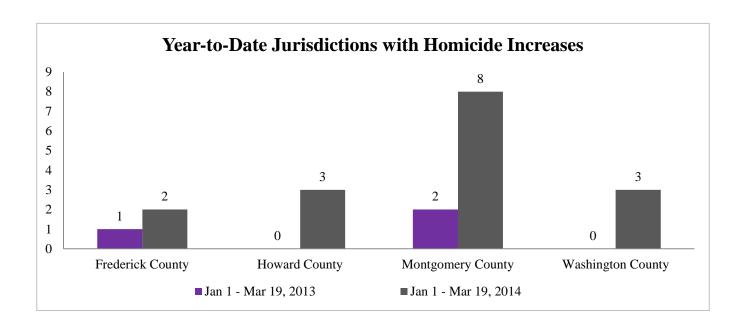
# **Opening Remarks**

• The Department began the meeting with an update on their Computer Aided Dispatch/ Records Management System (CAD-RMS).

## Strategic Goal: Reduce Violent Crime in Maryland by 20% by End of 2018

• Overall Homicides Have Decreased Statewide Since this Point in Time Last Year. Data from the MSP Daily Report shows that through March 18, 2014, there has been a thirteen percent decrease in total homicides to date; in comparison to 2013. Howard County, Frederick County, and Montgomery County have seen increases. MSP reports that six of the eight homicides that took place in Montgomery County were domestic related incidents. Staff from the Maryland Coordination and Analysis Center (MCAC) have spoken with law enforcement in Montgomery County and have indicated that they are at the county's disposal, if needed.

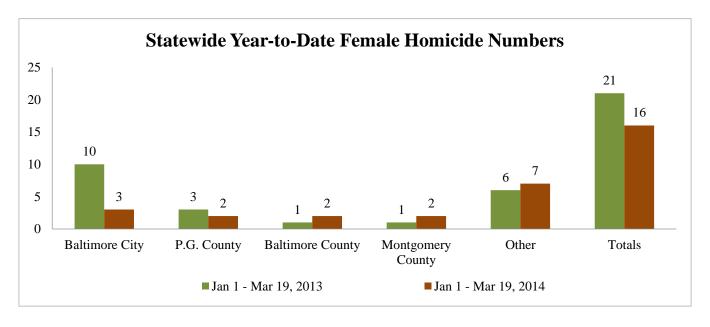


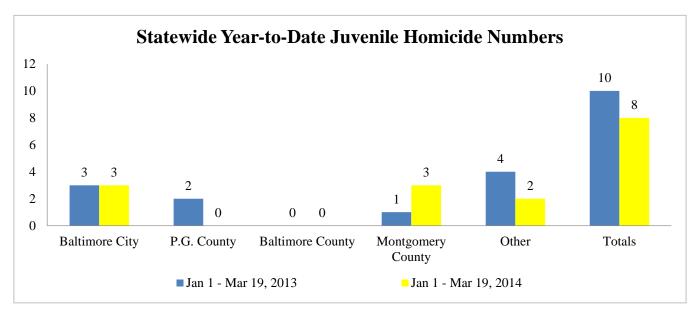


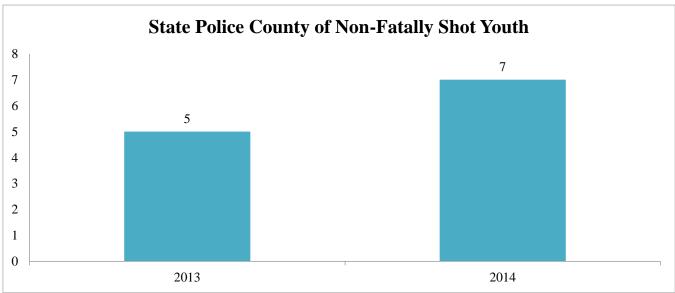
# Strategic Goal: Reduce Violent Crime against Women and Children by 25% by End of 2018

• Female and Juvenile Homicides Have Decreased Since this Point in Time Last Year. The Governor's Delivery Unit strategic goal to reduce violent crime against women and children was to reduce violent crime by 25 percent from 2006 to 2012. As of the end of 2012, juvenile homicides were driven down by 54 percent since 2006 and female homicides were driven down by 17 percent. Since the state met its initial goal, a new goal was set to reduce violent crime against women and children by 25 percent by the end of 2018; compared to 2012 levels.

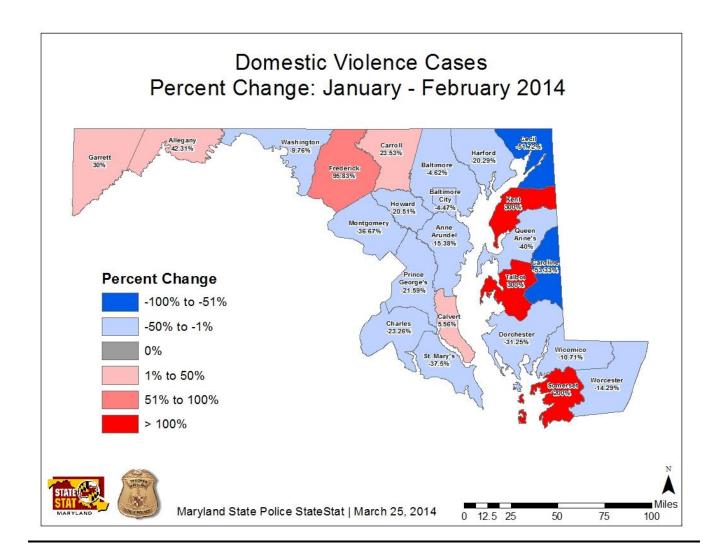
Point in time data shows statewide female homicides and juvenile homicides have decreased by 24 percent and 20 percent respectively. However, it should be noted that there have been two more non-fatal shootings to date amongst juveniles statewide; with four out of the seven occurring in Prince George's County.







• Domestic Violence (DV) Cases Decrease from January to February of This Year. As indicated by the data provided by MSP, overall domestic violence cases in the state decreased by 12 percent from January to February of this year. Significant reductions took place in Prince George's County, Montgomery County, and Anne Arundel County. Frederick County had the highest increase during the same reporting period. MSP stated that they receive this data from the various state court systems. One of the major concerns is that the definition of domestic violence may be different in each jurisdiction. The Governor's Office of Crime Control and Prevention (GOCCP) has indicated that more real time data will be needed and stakeholders will be contacted for assistance. StateStat will begin to do more point in time analysis on DV data for upcoming meetings.



| <b>Domestic Violence Cases</b> | Jan-14 | Feb-14 |
|--------------------------------|--------|--------|
| BALTIMORE CITY                 | 358    | 342    |
| DORCHESTER COUNTY              | 16     | 11     |
| SOMERSET COUNTY                | 1      | 3      |
| WICOMICO COUNTY                | 28     | 25     |
| WORCESTER COUNTY               | 9      | 7      |
| WORCESTER COUNTY               | 5      | 5      |
| CECIL COUNTY                   | 29     | 14     |
| KENT COUNTY                    | 1      | 4      |
| QUEEN ANNE'S COUNTY            | 10     | 6      |
| TALBOT COUNTY                  | 1      | 4      |
| CAROLINE COUNTY                | 15     | 7      |
| CALVERT COUNTY                 | 18     | 19     |
| CHARLES COUNTY                 | 43     | 33     |
| ST. MARY'S COUNTY              | 32     | 20     |
| PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY         | 227    | 178    |
| MONTGOMERY COUNTY              | 90     | 57     |
| ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY            | 182    | 154    |
| BALTIMORE COUNTY               | 130    | 124    |
| HARFORD COUNTY                 | 69     | 55     |
| HOWARD COUNTY                  | 39     | 31     |
| CARROLL COUNTY                 | 17     | 21     |
| FREDERICK COUNTY               | 24     | 47     |
| WASHINGTON COUNTY              | 41     | 37     |
| ALLEGANY COUNTY                | 26     | 37     |
| GARRETT COUNTY                 | 10     | 13     |
| STATEWIDE                      | 1421   | 1254   |

### Strategic Goal: Reduce Overdose Deaths by 20% by the End of 2015

• Arming State Police Officers with Naloxone to Aid Those Overdosing on Opioids. Naloxone is an opioid antagonist that can quickly restore the breathing of a person who has overdosed on opioids. Regulations for the Overdose Response Program that will allow individuals to be authorized to obtain and administer naloxone were published in the Maryland Register and the 30 day comment period ended on January 27, 2014. No substantive comments were received regarding the proposed regulations. At the previous MSP Stat, MSP was asked to look into the idea of arming officers with naloxone which they could administer if they encountered an individual on the verge of an overdose.

MSP reports that since the previous Stat meeting, MSP is still in the process of seeing if it would be feasible for MSP troopers to administer Naloxone to victims of heroin overdose. MSP contacted Dr. Richard Alcorta, State EMS Medical Director, to discuss current protocols, best practices, and potential law enforcement usage. Dr. Alves, the MSP Medical Director, has also been consulted about training requirements, supplies, and related costs associated with this process. There has also been communication between MSP and the Office of the State Fire Marshall about the potential for Naloxone.

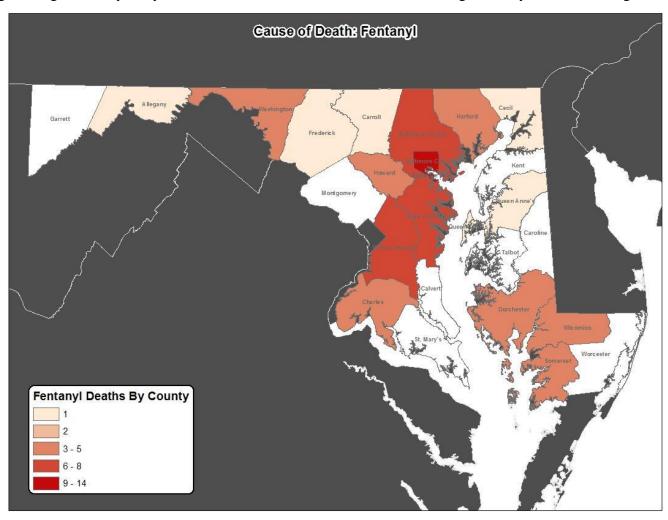
MSP reports that so far, none of the Maryland law enforcement agencies carry or use Naloxone.

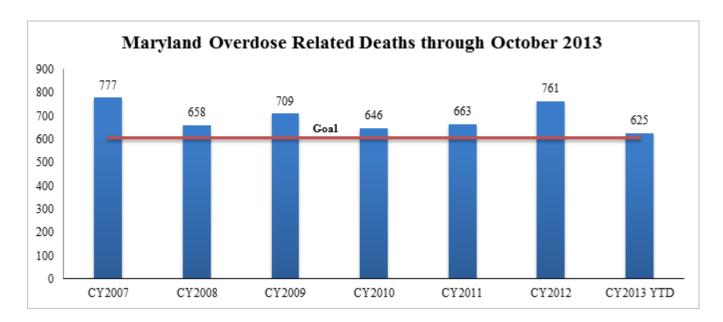
According to a recent report from the Maryland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Administration, in 2008, 64 percent of heroin-related admissions were Baltimore City residents but by 2013, less than half were City residents. What is noteworthy is the increase in heroin-related admissions from more rural areas of the state

in the last five years. There has been a fourteen percent increase, from 2008 to 2013, of admissions into substance abuse programs of rural heroin users. Due to the fact that MSP has a reach in all areas of the state, the access to Naloxone would be imperative; especially for those MSP officers working in the rural areas of the state.

• Gathering Data to Help the Fight Against Fentanyl Laced Heroin. Heroin laced with the synthetic opiate fentanyl is being blamed by officials for more than 80 deaths across the United States in recent weeks. Fentanyl, a narcotic used to control chronic pain, is about 80 times more powerful than morphine, doctors say. The Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (DHMH) has been aware of fentanyl laced heroin killing users in other states several months ago and outreach has been taking place as a result of this information.

MSP recently provided StateStat with a PowerPoint presentation discussing the importance of data gathering and analysis by all law enforcement entities so that areas of high fentanyl use can be targeted.





• Prescription Drug Drop box Available at MSP's Westminster Barrack. According to an <u>article</u> in the Baltimore Sun from March 13<sup>th</sup>, the Westminster MSP barrack is now offering a drop box for unwanted or expired prescription medication. The purpose of this box is to attempt to curb the problem of prescription medication abuse. MSP reports that these drop boxes are quite useful and they intend on placing more throughout the state. The Westminster barrack has already had over 100 pounds of prescription drugs collected.

Drop box for unwanted prescription drugs available at Westminster Barrack

By Blair Ames, Baltimore Sun Media Group 11:16 a.m. EDT, March 13, 2014

The Maryland State Police announced in a news release Thursday that it will offer a secure drop-off site at the Westminster Barrack for unwanted or expired prescription medications.

The drop box is located within the main lobby of the Westminster Barrack, 1100 Baltimore Boulevard, and is available to the community 24 hours a day.

Guidelines for collection, include:

- Over-the-counter and prescription medications are accepted. They must be in a sealed container.
- Medications are preferred to be in their original containers.
- No controlled dangerous substances (narcotics, illegal drugs).
- No sharp items (syringes, needles, diabetic waster).

### **Warrants**

• MSP Potentially Implementing a New Centralized Warrant Database. Warrants that are under the management of MSP are maintained by each individual barrack across the state. However, each barrack may maintain these warrants in a different way. For example, some are managing warrants with paper while others use software such as Microsoft Excel. However, at this time, FOB officers are using Excel as their method to maintain warrants. MSP stated during a template audit performed by StateStat in October 2013 that they hoped to have one standard process within all barracks at some point in the future. The optimal situation would be the implementation of a new centralized warrant database to track the barracks' warrants. During a recent conversation with MSP, MSP reported that it is planning to pilot a warrant module within

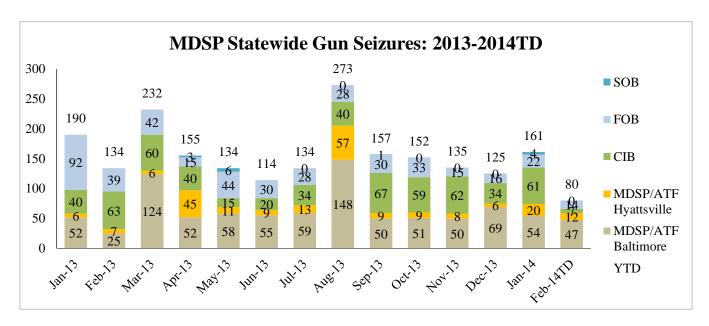
their Computer Aided Dispatch-Records Management System (CAD-RMS) to try and address the warrant collection consolidation process first.

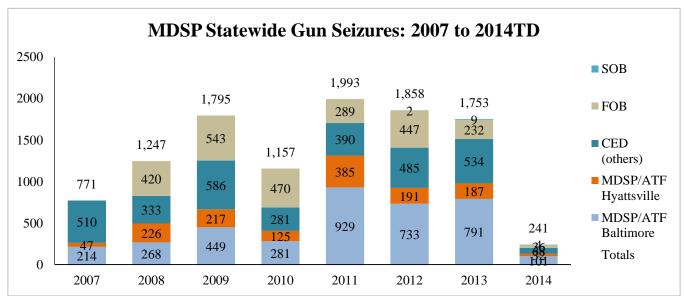
| 2014<br>Year to Date<br>(Barrack / County) | Total<br>New<br>Felony<br>Warrants<br>Received | Total New<br>Misdemeanor<br>Warrants<br>Received | Total<br>Admin<br>Disposal | Open Out of<br>State<br>Misdemeanor<br>Warrants | MSP<br>Misdemeanor<br>Warrants<br>Served | Ending<br>Misdemeano<br>r Warrants<br>Open | Out of<br>State<br>Felony<br>Open | MSP<br>Felony<br>Served | Ending<br>Felony<br>Open | Allied<br>Agency<br>Warrants<br>Served<br>By MSP | Total<br>Open<br>Warrants | Percent<br>Increase /<br>Decrease<br>of Open<br>Warrants | Eligible for<br>MVA<br>Outstanding<br>Warrant<br>Arrest<br>Program | Currently Entered in MVA Outstanding Warrant Arrest Program | Number of<br>Arrests<br>Due to<br>MVA<br>Program |
|--|--|--|----------------------------|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|--|---|--|
| Bk A - Howard                              | 0  | 49   | 13                         | 239   | 25                                       | 464  | 0                                 | 0                       | 4                        | 15   | 466                       | 2.42%  | 22   | 118   | 0  |
| Bk B - Frederick                           | 7  | 46   | 9                          | 417   | 31                                       | 583  | 12                                | 3                       | 19                       | 6  | 621                       | 1.64%  | 105  | 105   | 0  |
| Bk C - Allegany                            | 7  | 21   | 0                          | 15  | 24                                       | 42   | 9                                 | 8                       | 13                       | 0  | 61                        | -6.15%   | 10   | 10  | 0  |
| Bk D - Harford                             | 11   | 43   | 5                          | 200   | 33                                       | 517  | 16                                | 9                       | 34                       | 0  | 551                       | 1.29%  | 231  | 282   | 0  |
| Bk E - Wicomico                            | 6  | 92   | 14                         | 408   | 65                                       | 894  | 15                                | 9                       | 33                       | 18   | 950                       | 0.21%  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Bk F - Cecil                               | 15   | 104  | 10                         | 993   | 67                                       | 1,672                                      | 29                                | 21                      | 101                      | 1  | 1,708                     | 1.24%  | 544  | 544   | 1  |
| Bk G - Carroll                             | 12   | 57   | 21                         | 239   | 60                                       | 727  | 31                                | 15                      | 56                       | 13   | 774                       | -3.37%   | 290  | 290   | 0  |
| Bk H - Charles                             | 2  | 67   | 10                         | 171   | 44                                       | 609  | 8                                 | 2                       | 8                        | 9  | 617                       | 2.15%  | 127  | 127   | 0  |
| Bk I - Caroline, Dorchester, Talbot        | 7  | 58   | 15                         | 665   | 68                                       | 1,669                                      | 22                                | 5                       | 43                       | 16   | 1,712                     | -1.33%   | 490  | 490   | 0  |
| Bk L - Prince George's (Southern)          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 2   | 0  | 4  | 2                                 | 0                       | 2                        | 39   | 6                         | 0.00%  | 2  | 2   | 0  |
| Bk M - Cecil, Harford, Baltimore           | 1  | 81   | 12                         | 1,286   | 31                                       | 1,663                                      | 45                                | 1                       | 50                       | 6  | 1,713                     | 2.27%  | 317  | 317   | 0  |
| Bk N - Montgomery                          | 0  | 53   | 1                          | 255   | 40                                       | 641  | 5                                 | 0                       | 4                        | 28   | 645                       | 1.90%  | 329  | 329   | 15   |
| Bk O - Washington                          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                                 | 0                       | 0                        | 0  | 0                         | 0.00%  | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| Bk P - Anne Arundel                        | 0  | 95   | 26                         | 172   | 41                                       | 593  | 2                                 | 2                       | 64                       | 71   | 657                       | 4.12%  | 74   | 183   | 0  |
| Bk Q - Prince George's (Northern)          | 0  | 0  | 0                          | 0   | 0  | 0  | 0                                 | 0                       | 6                        | 88   | 6                         | 0.00%  | 0  | 0   | 8  |
| Bk R - Baltimore                           | 0  | 95   | 17                         | 163   | 50                                       | 684  | 8                                 | 0                       | 16                       | 8  | 700                       | 4.17%  | 66   | 66  | 0  |
| Bk S - Kent, Queen Anne's                  | 5  | 102  | 58                         | 521   | 64                                       | 1,179                                      | 21                                | 3                       | 53                       | 11   | 1,232                     | -1.44%   | 468  | 468   | 0  |
| Bk T - St. Mary's                          | 3  | 70   | 1                          | 85  | 49                                       | 487  | 32                                | 3                       | 60                       | 3  | 568                       | 3.65%  | 22   | 22  | 0  |
| Bk U - Calvert                             | 13   | 29   | 9                          | 80  | 24                                       | 287  | 17                                | 29                      | 80                       | 5  | 347                       | -5.45%   | 279  | 279   | 0  |
| Bk V - Worcester                           | 3  | 35   | 9                          | 365   | 21                                       | 561  | 23                                | 2                       | 23                       | 2  | 574                       | 1.06%  | 201  | 201   | 1  |
| Bk W - Garrett                             | 6  | 36   | 19                         | 400   | 20                                       | 483  | 2                                 | 5                       | 5                        | 5  | 493                       | -0.40%   | 73   | 73  | 0  |
| Bk X - Somerset                            | 7  | 27   | 47                         | 352   | 11                                       | 425  | 4                                 | 5                       | 8                        | 7  | 433                       | -6.28%   | 0  | 0   | 0  |
| YTD - Total Statewide                      | 105  | 1,160  | 296                        | 7,028   | 768                                      | 14,184                                     | 303                               | 122                     | 682                      | 351  | 14,834                    | 0.48%  | 3,650  | 3,906   | 25   |

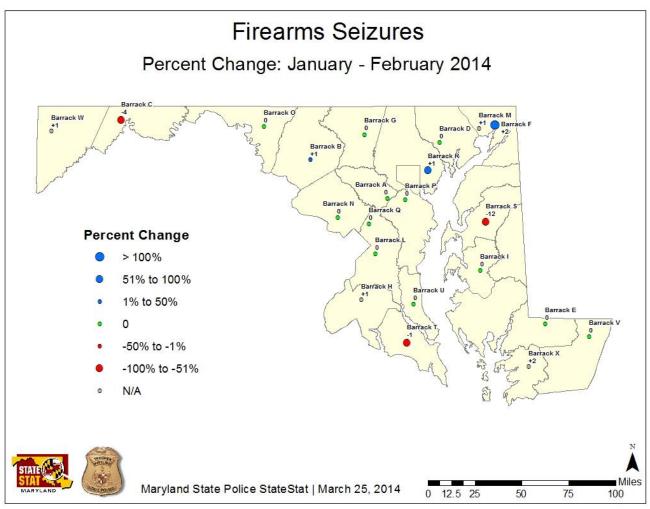
#### **Firearms**

• Monthly Gun Seizures Have Been Decreasing in the State. As indicated by the data, 1,753 guns were seized in 2013; which is the lowest number seized since 2010. In addition, through February of this year, a comparison to the start of 2013 shows a decrease in seizures by 28 percent.

The map below shows barrack by barrack gun seizure data and the percentage change from January to February of this year. MSP reports that they have been effective in taking the bad guns off of the streets and the Hyattsville and Baltimore task forces have actually had a better start to seizures in 2014 in comparison to 2013.







• Tracking the MSP Handgun Application Backlog. In CY2013, MSP received approximately 121,600 applications to purchase a regulated firearm. The number of applications received from January to September exceeded all purchase applications in all of 2011 and 2012 combined. The backlog at its highest was over 59,000 applications. 101,333 total applications were processed in 2013 and 20,447 remain in the backlog. MSP estimated that this backlog would be eliminated by March 2014. MSP has been tracking

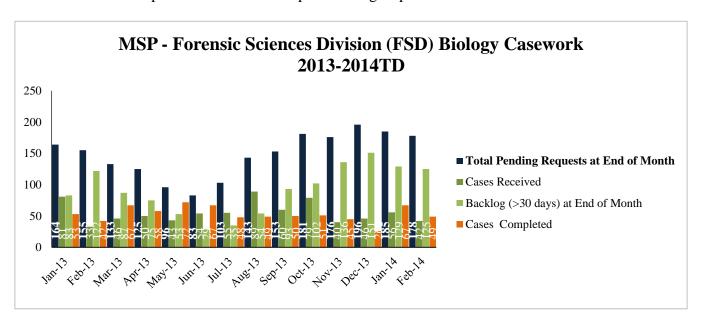
internally the elimination of the backlog and reports have been provided to StateStat on a monthly basis (recent report attached to this briefing).

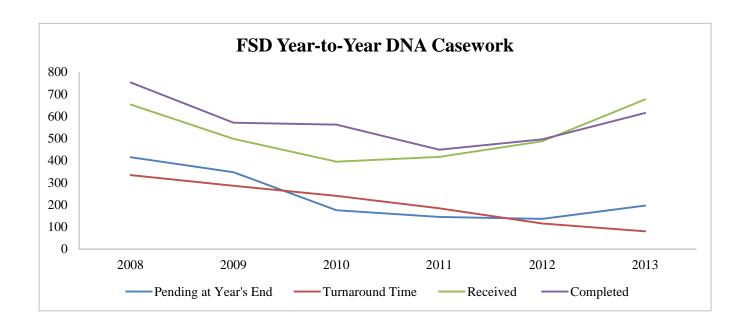
Through March 20, 2014, the backlog is down to 2,929 applications.

# **DNA Testing**

• Finding a Better Way to Track the Forensic Sciences Division (FSD) Backlog of Cases. Since June 2013, the total pending cases number for DNA casework has been steadily increasing. MSP has stated that increased and more thorough case work by officers in the field is the catalyst for this increase. In order to address this backlog, MSP has stated that they need to outsource cases and hire more staff at the forensic sciences division. MSP indicated at a previous Stat that 80 cases would be outsourced to address the high pending requests. It should be noted that there has been a slight decrease in the pending cases number over the last two months.

As a result over discussions recently during a tour of the Forensic Sciences Division by StateStat, FSD and StateStat agreed that pending requests, cases received, and the backlog number at the end of each month are not the best metrics to track in the StateStat template. MSP, in turn, indicated that pending at year's end and turnaround time are better metrics to track. It should be noted that an additional metric that MSP has been told to add in the template is cases that are open the longest per month.





## Work Performed by MSP's Field Office Bureau (FOB)

• MSP Considering Using Body Cameras for Officers in the Field. At the start of this year, the Baltimore Sun, in an article titled "More Police Sporting Cameras on Their Bodies" discussed the idea of law enforcement officers, statewide, using body cameras as a way to reduce complaints. Maryland State Police have considered this option and when StateStat made an inquiry in January, MSP indicated that a fiscal analysis was done and a report was submitted to GOCCP.

As stated in the article, although supporters state that these cameras can prevent unfounded allegations, organizations such as the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has indicated that the use of these cameras are "yet another system for routine surveillance..." It should be noted though that the ACLU supports the use of these cameras if proper oversight is used.

#### More police now sporting cameras on their bodies

By Jessica Anderson, The Baltimore Sun 4:02 p.m. EST, January 4, 2014

Officer Aaron Waddell pulled over a gray Dodge Caravan on Route 198 in Laurel and asked the driver for his license and registration. Waddell told the man why he stopped him — a suspected seat belt violation — and added, "Just to let you know, you're being recorded."

Such warnings could become more common as police across Maryland consider following Laurel's lead and equipping officers with small video cameras to record public interactions — part of an effort to limit complaints. Even the most mundane traffic stop can devolve into a dispute, and supporters say a recording can guard all sides from unfounded allegations.

But the new technology — now under consideration by the Baltimore Police Department and the Maryland State Police — has also proved difficult to reconcile with concerns about privacy and consent.

• Maryland State Police Arrest 120 Suspected Drunken Drivers over St. Patrick's Weekend. As a recent <u>article</u> in the Baltimore Sun indicated, MSP arrested over 120 suspected drunken drivers over St. Patrick's Day weekend.

### Maryland State Police arrest 120 suspected drunken drivers over St. Patrick's weekend

By Kevin Rector, The Baltimore Sun 1:40 p.m. EDT, March 18, 2014

State Police arrested a total of 120 people on suspicion of drunken driving in Maryland during the St. Patrick's Day weekend, a prime time for catching inebriated drivers.

From Friday through Monday, state troopers across the state used "sobriety checkpoints, saturation patrols, and regular road patrols" to catch drivers, an effort "in direct response to the known increase in drinking and driving resulting from holiday celebrations," state police said Tuesday.

Troopers out of the state's Berlin barrack, in Worcester County near Ocean City, recorded the most arrests of any of the 22 barracks statewide, with 17 arrests for driving under the influence of alcohol. The Golden Ring barrack in Baltimore County recorded the second most, with 13, while the JFK barrack, which covers Interstate 95 north of Baltimore, and the Rockville barrack in Montgomery County each recorded 11.

## **Minority Business Enterprise (MBE)**

• Updating the Panel on MSP's MBE Participation from Year-to-Year and Discussing Potential Awards. MBE participation by MSP, from the start of the O'Malley/Brown administration, indicates significant fluctuations from year to year; with MSP having their highest rate in FY12. In addition, a look at MSP's Small Business Reserve (SBR) participation to date shows a rate of 10.75 percent.

